

POWs Tell New Bestiality Stories; 'Dead' Gls Named

Panmunjom, Korea—(U.P.)—American prisoners came back to freedom today with sickening reports of Communist bestiality.

Eighty-four Americans went through freedom gate along with one Canadian and 324 other Allied soldiers. Some of the Americans were listed as "sick" but they were able to walk.

Their liberation on the 10th day of "Operation Big Switch" brought the total of United Nations servicemen released by the Communists to 8,411, including 907 Americans.

Shocking Brutality Reported
Some of them gave eyewitness accounts of Red brutality that shocked newsmen and other observers who have become accustomed to hearing reports of mass atrocities such as the 1950 death march.

Pfc. Charles J. Wolfe, 23, Wallace, W. Va., said Communist guards bayoneted and beat with rifle butts an American prisoner who had become insane.

Wolfe, captured in July of 1950 at Taejon along with Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, said the man was bayoneted three times in the legs and dragged off to regimental headquarters where he was brought out for daily public beatings.

Shot for Seeking Water
Wolfe said a lieutenant in his camp No. 1, was shot for going after a drink of water at night.

Another returning prisoner said the Reds tied captured Americans to tanks and sent them into battle.

Pfc. James R. Hunt, 25, Russell, Pa., who was captured at the same time Dean was taken prisoner, said he saw "the knocked out tanks."

Mangled bodies of the prisoners were splattered across the tanks, Hunt said.

Washington—(U.P.)—The Defense Department today made public the names of 123 American servicemen who the Communists claim died in North Korean prison camps.

It was the second such "heartbreak list" released in the past 24 hours.

The department stressed that it has no verification of the Communist reports.

The first list, released last night, contained names of 121 American prisoners from a roster of 1,022 whom the Communists said died in captivity.

Skeptical of Red Roster

The Communists also claimed that 147 other Americans "escaped" from prison but the Defense Department said not one of these had returned to American military control. This list has not yet been published.

The Defense Department was highly skeptical of the Communist roster. Officials expressed strong misgivings about its accuracy, and also doubted whether the Communists had included all prison camp deaths.

The unreliability of the Communist accounting was demonstrated by the Air Force, which said the Reds reported one officer dead in several months before he was missing in action.

Reports Not Verified

In notifying next of kin of the men named by the Reds, the Defense Department stressed that the report came from Communist sources and could not be verified at this time.

Publication of the names was held up for 24 hours after telegrams were sent to next of kin. The Defense Department plans to issue the names in daily installments until the lists are cleared up.

MORE BURIED IN GREECE QUAKES

Athens—(U.P.)—A new earthquake crumbled a hospital on the island of Zante in the Ionian sea today and buried a number of patients injured in the tremors of the past four days.

Destruction of the hospital left only a school, the national bank and a church standing in the capital city of Zante. Fire swept the rest of the island.

Earthquakes shook Cephalonia and Ithaca and flame reddened smoke mushroomed from the islands.

Death Toll Uncertain

American and British aircraft began a mighty mercy airlift, piercing the billowing smoke to drop water to thirsting thousands who have survived the series of earthquakes.

Unofficial estimates placed the death toll at 1,000, but some authorities considered the number exaggerated. They said 400 bodies had been counted and at least 100 more presumably died.

"Ten years ago we had a terrible shock," an American Mutual Security Mission official said last night in a broadcast from Cephalonia. "I saw a mountain sliding into the sea."

King Visits Areas

The disaster was almost beyond imagination. A U.S. Navy rescue team that moved inland from the Sixth Fleet flagship, the cruiser U.S.S. Salem, messaged Vice Adm. John H. Cassady aboard the vessel the destruction was "terrifying, sickening and complete."

King Paul of Greece visited the ruined cities of Argostolion

and Lixouri on Cephalonia. He walked among the people, attempting to soothe them with words of encouragement.

Argostolion, completely leveled, threw up hospital tents to administer to 150 Cephalonians injured in the disaster.

The Greek government said it was ridiculous to believe the islands would sink under the impact of the earthquakes, caused by a shifting sea bed be-

tween Zante and Cephalonia.

But terrified islanders spread the rumor among 45,000 homeless victims that their lands were sinking into the sea. By the hundreds they streamed to the coast, got into small boats and canoes and paddled out to rescue vessels.

Flotillas of ships standing by to help careened crazily as strange currents boiled up in the sea.

Crowd Riots Outside Telephone Building In Indiana Strike

Indianapolis, Ind.—(U.P.)—A crowd of 150 persons rioted outside one of the largest exchanges of the strikebound Indiana Bell Telephone Co., last night and early today, breaking windows and hurling firecrackers in two buildings at South Bend.

The utility, plagued by a 24-day walkout of 6,900 CIO Communications Workers, evacuated

the buildings of 70 employees who had kept long distance service going since the strike began.

Long distance service was halted in South Bend, a city of 120,000, fifth largest city in Indiana, and in an outlying area populated by perhaps more than 200,000 persons.

Arson Attempt

Police in West Lafayette, home of Purdue University, reported an arson attempt on a non-union phone worker's home which threatened the lives of a sleeping family including several small children.

Police Chief Richard J. Gillen reported at South Bend the disturbances were "periodic and spasmodic" over a period of hours before and after midnight. He said police removed "key men" from the scene and were able to restore quiet.

Buildings Deserted

Reports of the disturbance, most severe of a 24-day-old strike, were obtained from a message sent by newsmen to neighboring Elkhart by automobile.

It said Bell's two office and switchboard buildings in South Bend were deserted and barricaded after a crowd of 150 persons smashed windows and doors, threw stones, tomatoes and firecrackers, and set off a burglar alarm.

The incident reached its height about 2:30 a.m. Four hours later, police escorted 58 employees out of the buildings, 40 of them from the structure housing most of Bell's long distance boards.

Mrs. Arthur Powell Succumbs in Salem

Mrs. Virginia Powell, wife of the late Arthur E. Powell, a former Jackson county commissioner and mayor of Central Point, died yesterday in Salem.

Married June 25, 1897 to Mr. Powell, she was associated with her husband for many years in publishing the Central Point American.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Powell. They include Kenneth D. Powell, present publisher of the Central Point American; Carroll W. Powell, Mrs. B. C. Jolly; John W. Powell, Harry E. Powell, Helen Parker and Mrs. John Townsend.

Per funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

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Weather

FORECAST: Continued warm with thunderstorm activity through Saturday. Low tonight 66; high Saturday 95-98. Highest Yesterday 98. Lowest this Morning 62.

Hurricane Hits East Coast; Strikes in France Waning

Communists Plan Demonstrations to Revive Walkouts

Speculators Smuggle Articles Over Border

Paris—(U.P.)—The Communists tried to intensify waning French strike enthusiasm today, as thousands of workers ignored walkout orders, others straggled back to work, and the government increased its emergency measures to restore order.

Speculators smuggled watches, nylons, gold and other precious commodities across uncontrolled borders in an effort to reap quick fortunes in the disorder which the strike of 4,000,000 union workers has brought.

A Communist brain trust convened at party headquarters to map plans for concentrated, widespread demonstrations next week to coincide with the ninth anniversary of the liberation of Paris.

No New Strikes

Informed sources said this effort was aimed at keeping the current general strike from petering out into easily controlled walkouts, as the government of Premier Joseph Laniel earnestly hopes will happen.

No new strikes began today and no important new strike calls were issued as the country started a week end religious and bank holiday in observance of the Roman Catholic Feast of the Assumption.

Workers, feeling the pinch of 10 days without pay, were showing less enthusiasm for the mass walkouts.

Seek Quick Profits

Many Frenchmen and foreigners took advantage of the lack of customs guards to make quick fortunes. They drove to neighboring Switzerland, Belgium, Germany and Spain and returned with items heavily taxed with French import duties. They hoped to get rich quickly by disposing of their loot at 30 to 40 per cent markups.

Welfare Agency Names Son in Suit

A complaint was filed yesterday by the state attorney general's office against James Barnard, 19 Geneva st., Medford, for non-payment of \$1,349 in welfare payments under the state relative responsibility law, according to circuit court records.

The complaint, initiated by the state through the Public Welfare commission by John W. Brugman, special assistant to the attorney general, alleges that Barnard's mother, Nellie May Barnard, was "needy and eligible for public assistance," during three separate periods and that the state paid to her amounts of \$275, \$654 and \$420. The state is now demanding these sums from Barnard.

The complaint further alleges that from Aug. 1, 1950 through Dec. 31, 1950, he received \$275 in state payments, while the defendant's net monthly income made him liable to her under law for \$75 a month; that during the year of 1951 he was liable to pay her \$55 a month and the state had paid her \$654 during the year; and that during 1952, the state paid her \$420, while the defendant was liable for \$35 a month.

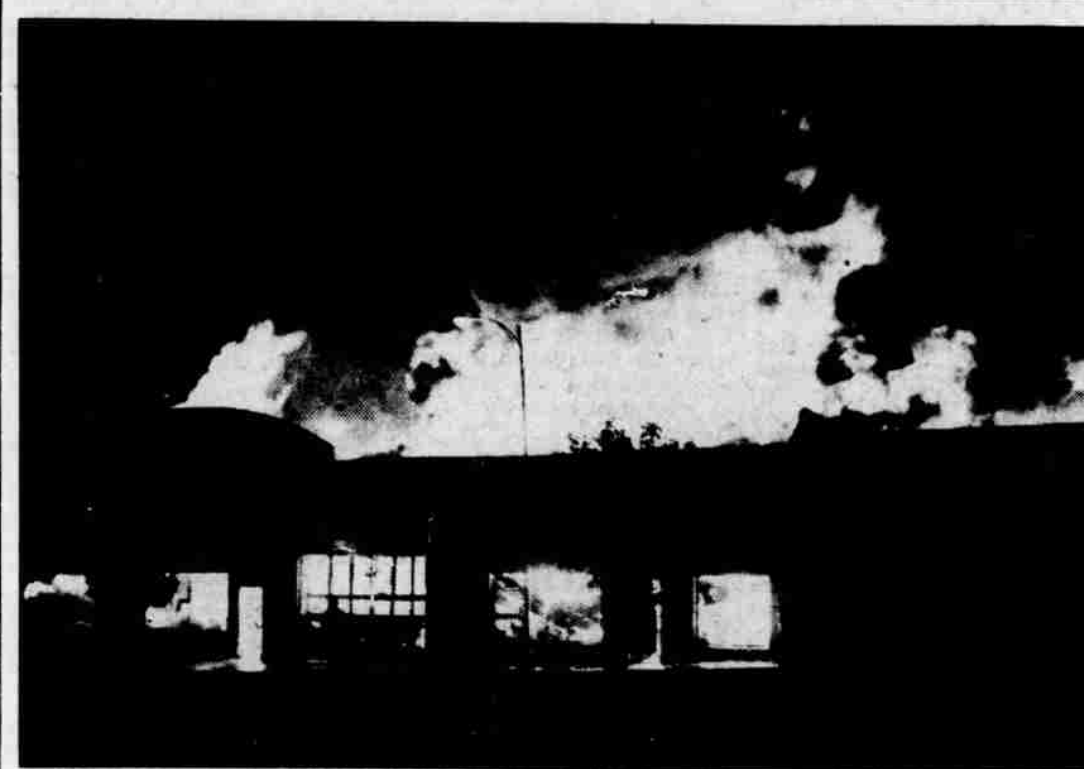
Wheat Marketing Polls Remain Open Until 9

Polls for the wheat marketing quota referendum election will remain open until 9 o'clock this evening, according to Colbert Sehorn, manager of the local production and marketing administration office.

About 65 wheat growers in Jackson county are eligible to vote in the election, he noted. Voting was very light this morning, but he expected growers to come in during the evening after work.

The results will be canvassed immediately after the election and sent to Portland by 10 p.m., from where they will be forwarded to Washington, D.C., Sehorn added.

The polls are in the PMA office on the first floor of the courthouse.



ASHLAND FIRE—The two-alarm fire which swept through Busch Motor company, Ashland, early yesterday was at its peak when the top picture was taken shortly after 1 a.m. Some of the 17 new passenger cars and trucks which were destroyed in the fire are shown in the lower picture, which was taken later yesterday after the fire as extinguished by the Ashland fire department. Firemen speculated that a wrecked automobile which was "saturated" with gasoline when it was towed into the garage late Wednesday may have figured in the blaze which swept through the Ford dealer's building. (Photo by Hughes Photo Service, Ashland)

French Deep Water Divers Break Record In 1.3 Mile Plunge

Toulon, France—Two French naval officers broke their own two-day old deep water diving record today by descending 6,890 feet below the surface of the Mediterranean in a French naval bathysphere.

On Wednesday the Frenchmen, Capt. Nicolas Maurice Houot and engineer Pierre Henri Willm, set the previous world's record with a dive of 5,115 feet, or just under a mile.

Other Bathysphere Tested

Their plunge today of 1.3 miles into the depths of the Mediterranean was accomplished while the more publicized bathysphere of Swiss scientist August Piccard was undergoing shallow

Lightning Caused Fires Controlled

Eleven fires in Union Creek district and three in Butte Falls district set by lightning last night, were reported this morning by the forest service. All are small, the largest about two acres, and are under control, according to the report.

Smoke jumpers were used this morning to fight one of the fires on Hershberger mountain in Union Creek district. The two-acre fire is on Huckleberry mountain in that same district.

Several lightning strikes on state forest land on the Klamath-Jackson county border were reported last night, but no fires had been located this morning, according to the state forest patrol.

Salem—(U.P.)—The annual summer meeting of the Oregon Association of school district superintendents will be held in Coos Bay Aug. 21-22.

Pre-School Test Dates Announced

The annual pre-school testing for under age children who wish to enter Medford city schools will begin August 17 and continue through September 4, it was announced today by Supt. E. H. Hedrick.

Children are accepted for September entrance in the first grade under state law if they become six years of age on or before November 15. The Medford public schools will accept younger pupils who become six years of age on or before Jan. 31, 1954, providing they show a mental development of 6½ years on a mental age test.

Parents having under age children whom they wish to enroll, should call Mrs. Edna Adams, telephone Medford 2-7467, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or after August 17 to secure appointments for taking the mental test.

Ashland Family, Hit By Fire, Theft, Wreck, Hopes Troubles Ended

"It never rains but it pours," can very well apply to troubles which for a week have plagued the Jim Busch family of Ashland.

A robbery last week was first of a chain of events which the family hopes ended early yesterday when the Busch garage was destroyed by fire.

Also, yesterday, Jim Busch's brother, Ernest Busch and family, from Salem, and his young nephew, Jim, left Ashland for a trip to Lake o' Woods. One of their two cars, occupied by Ernest and young Jim, turned over after hitting loose gravel near Ashland. Ernest suffered a deeply lacerated ear and Jim has cuts and a black eye. Both were taken to Ashland General hospital.

Heavily Populated Resorts in Path Of Howling Storm

Vacationers Flee As Storm Approaches

New York—(U.P.)—A howling tropical hurricane smashed along the Maryland coast today and headed north with increased speed toward the coastal cities and heavily populated beach resorts of New Jersey and New York.

The storm left one dead in North Carolina, raked across the Norfolk, Va., area and was centered this morning 35 miles off the Maryland beach resort of Ocean City.

The resort town was evacuated as the storm approached. Winds in gusts up to 66 miles per hour whipped waves 10 feet above the normal high tide line as vacationers jammed highways in a bumper to bumper exodus.

Tides Flood Streets

The Weather Bureau at Washington reported in a noon advisory the storm was expected to pass 40 miles off Atlantic City, N.J., about 4 p.m. (PST). High tides and swirling winds had already flooded streets in Ventnor and Margate, south of Atlantic City.

Streets were flooded in towns along the entire southern coast of New Jersey as the tide rose. Boardwalk stores reported extensive wind and water damage and pedestrians waded knee deep in the business district of Wildwood.

The advisory said highest winds at hurricane center were estimated at 75 miles an hour with steady shore winds as high as 60 miles. Gale winds extended 150 miles east and 60 miles west of center.

From the Maryland coast through New England Coast Guard stations cancelled all leaves, and stood ready to remove seaside residents to safety wherever necessary.

Planes Battered Down

Air Force bases flew light jet and other fighter planes to inland fields to escape the force of the blow. Light planes were battered down at commercial airports.

Rain began falling in New York City shortly before noon with gale winds of 39 to 54 miles an hour forecast for evening. The full force of the eastern tip of Long Island about midnight.

KBES-TV Telecasting Still 'Indefinite'

Station KBES-TV officials reported this morning that operation this evening was still indefinite.

The necessary part was shipped air express last night from New York, but hadn't been received by 12:45 p.m. today.

Local technicians were working "around the clock," in an effort to solve the antenna difficulty. The temporary antenna, specially made for the station until the permanent unit is installed, requires special parts, which cannot be obtained on the open market.

The station has been off the air since Tuesday.

Local Scouts Climb To Top Of 14,162-Foot Mt. Shasta

Nine Crater Lake Area council Boy Scouts reached the 14,162-foot summit of Mt. Shasta yesterday after an arduous climb through weather that included rain, sleet, snow and hail.

Five other scouts were forced to turn back to the group's base camp because of the extreme cold. The 14 scouts wore light jackets, but had no gloves or heavy clothing.

Others Turn Back

Three other parties attempting to climb the mountains were forced to turn back before reaching the summit.

The scouts were led by Fred McMullin, field executive of the Crater Lake Area Council, and Larry Lundin, Yreka field executive. Lundin accompanied the five scouts who were forced to turn back.

The nine scouts completed

their descent of the mountain at 12:30 a.m. today, and reported that "everything went according to schedule." Members of the group were proud to report that they had made the climb when the other three parties were forced to give up.

Successful Climbers
In addition to McMullin, those successfully making the climb were Don Gordon, Troop 9, Medford; David Kelso, Post 15, Phoenix; John Van Dyke, Post 3, Medford; Marvin Hale, Troop 26, Dunsmuir; Leon Stansfield and Kenneth Bird, Post 24, Jerome; and Basil Newton and Jim Love, Troop 37, Mt. Shasta, Calif.

Boys who were forced to turn back by the weather were Tom and Jim Chamberlain and Jack Sullivan, Ponderosa, Calif., and Buzz Stevens, Post 15, Phoenix.

Grants Pass Cafe Lawyers Seek Bargaining Election

Portland—(U.P.)—Attorneys representing a Grants Pass cafe operator have filed a petition at Salem for a bargaining election to be conducted by the new Oregon Labor Elections Board, it was reported today.

Portland Attorney Will Masters said it was the first petition for such an election under the new anti-picketing law passed by the 1953 Legislature. The law set up the Elections Board.

The petition, filed for Dwight D. Battey, operator of The Cave

shop at Grants Pass, asked for an election to determine whether the 18 employees of the shop as of May, 1952, want Medford Culinary Alliance, local 329, to represent them as their bargaining agent.

A union contract expired in May, 1952, and Battey's shop has been picketed since early June, 1953.

Masters said the petition was filed last week and that a second filing in the case would be made soon.